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SUBJECT: SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS/CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION

REFS: A) STATE 290355; B) MVD A-99

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE GOU'S EVER-EXPANDING SCOPE OF LEGISLATION TO PREVENT DRUG ABUSE WAS BROADENED FURTHER ON AUGUST 12 BY A DECREE ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR ATHLETES WHO TAKE DRUGS AFFECTING THEIR PERFORMANCE AND FOR COACHES, TRAINERS AND DOCTORS WHO ADVISE THEM TO DO SO. CDR. CARLOS COSTA, AN ENFORCEMENT-MINDED OFFICER, WAS NAMED NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS JULY 10. HE PLEDGED TO CONTINUE FULL CUSTOMS COOPERATION WITH US. THE GOU CONTINUED ITS TIGHT CONTROL EFFORTS, ARRESTING A NURSE DIVERTING HOSPITAL DRUGS, ARRESTING A SMALL GROUP OF MARIJUANA PEDDLERS AND USERS. WE STILL HAVE NO INDICATIONS THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT TRAFFICKING IS TAKING PLACE IN OR THROUGH URUGUAY.

A. THE PREVISION OF ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT TO THE POLICE NARCOTICS BRIGADE WAS ALMOST COMPLETED; ONE ITEM REMAINS IN THE PIPELINE.

B. WHILE NO ENFORCEMENT TRAINING TOOK PLACE DURING THE FIRST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HALF OF FY 76, PLANS WERE FINALIZED FOR THE DEA AND CUSTOMS

TRAINING PROJECTED IN THE NCAP FOR THE LAST HALF OF THE FY. THE URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS SERVICE IS EXPECTED TO BE CAPABLE OF HANDLING ITS OWN TRAINING REQUIREMENTS BY THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR AS A RESULT OF CCINC/CUSTOMS COOPERATION WHICH WILL TERMINATE AT THE END OF FY 76.

2. STATUS OF AGREEMENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD. NONE.

3. TOTAL OBLIGATIONS AND EXPENDITURES DURING REPORTING PERIOD. OBLIGATIONS - NONE. ACCRUED EXPENDITURES - \$2000 FOR EQUIPMENT. THERE WERE NO EXPENDITURES FOR U.S. PERSONNEL, CONTRACT SERVICES, TRAINING OR OTHER.

4. TYPES, QUANTITY AND COST OF EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT (ONE TRANSRECEIVER AND ACCESSORIES) - \$1238.40.

5. TYPES, QUANTITY AND COST OF EQUIPMENT IS PIPELINE. ONE TRUCK AND SPARES - ESTIMATED COST \$8807.

6. OTHER SUPPORT COSTS NOT DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS. NONE.

7. NUMBER AND TYPE OF PEOPLE TRAINED. NONE.

8. AS STATED IN THE NCAP (REF B), PROGRESS ON ALL FACETS OF THE PROGRAM IN URUGUAY HAS BEEN EXCELLENT AND NCAP PROJECTIONS REMAIN VALID. GIVEN THE MINIMAL PROGRAM REMAINING AND THE FACT THAT THE ABOVE, USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NCAP, PROVIDES EVERYTHING NEEDED FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION, NO FOLLOW UP AIRGRAM WILL BE SENT.
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